

HIRAM WALKER &
SONS, LTD.,
WALKERVILLE.
CANADIAN CLUB
WHISKY.
Per Case 1 Doz. Bottles \$20.00.
H. Price & Co.,
WINE & SPIRITS MERCHANTS,
15, Queen's Road Central.

The China Mail.

ESTABLISHED 1845.

BRANDIES.
Per Case.
J. & F. MARTELL'S \$425.00
Do. *** 28.00
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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1906.

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PRICE, \$8.00 Per Month.

GENUINE MUNICH
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AUGUSTINER BRAU
EXPORT TAFEL BIÈRE

Per Case of 6 doz. ptes. \$18.00.
Per Case of 4 doz. qts. \$18.00.

MAGEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.,
3, DUNDAS STREET,
SOLE AGENTS.

Intimations.

LOST.

SMALL BROOD, Shape of Tortoise.
Turquoise Body surrounded by Dis-
monds. Any one returning the same to
16, KNOTSFORD TERRACE, Kowloon,
will be handsomely Rewarded.

CIGARS.

HAMBURGIAN—from \$4 to \$6 pr. 10.
DUTCH—from \$3 to \$12 pr. 100.
VIRGINIAN—from \$8 to \$10 pr. 100.
LARGE STOCK ON HAND.
LUTHERS, EINSTAMANN & CO.,
No. 2, PEDDER STREET.
Hongkong, January 5, 1906.

CAMPBELL, MOORE & CO.,
LIMITED.

To Arrive by the S.S. "GLENSTRAE."

FRESH SUPPLY
OF
HAIR FRAMES,
HAIR PINS,
&c., &c., &c.

Dr T. YAMASAKI,
DENTAL SURGEON.
(JAPANESE DIPLOMA).

No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
Second Floor, above "TAX CHINA."
Latest American methods. No charge
for consultation.
Office Hours:—8 A.M. to 5 P.M.
SUNDAYS—8 A.M. to Noon.

ROYAL HAIRDRESSING SALOON.
No. 14, BEACONSFIELD AVENUE.

We beg to notify the Public generally
of Hongkong that we have just
OPENED a First-class Tonsorial Hall at
the above address. We make Cleanliness a
Speciality.
VICENTE BARCELONA, Proprietor.

THE ...
DAIRY FARM CO., LD.

FINEST AUSTRALIAN
BUTTER

70 Cents per lb.
SECOND QUALITY (Very Good)
60 Cents per lb.

THE POPULAR
SCOTCH
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BLACK & WHITE



JAMES BUCHANAN & CO.
SCOTCH WHISKY DISTILLERS
By Appointment to
H.M. THE KING
and
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Supplied at all the Leasing Cruises and
Boats, and to be obtained from All the
Principal Hotels.

Business Notices.

W. S. BAILEY & CO.
ENGINEERS & SHIPBUILDERS.

WORKS: KOWLOON BAY. OFFICES & STORES: No. 20, CONNAUGHT ROAD.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO
AND WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND
MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., AND THE CHINA
NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

Hongkong-Canton Line.

s.s. HONAM, 2,383 tons, Captain H. D. Jones.
s.s. FOWAN, 2,383 tons, Captain G. F. Morrison, R.N.R.
s.s. FATSHAN, 2,383 tons, Captain R. D. Thorne.
s.s. HANKOW, 3,073 tons, Captain C. V. Lloyd.
s.s. KINSHAN, 1,985 tons, Captain J. J. Loebius.
Departures from Hongkong to Canton daily at 8.30 a.m. (Sunday Excepted), 9 p.m.
and 10.30 p.m. (Saturday Excepted).
Departures from Canton to Hongkong daily at 8.30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.
(Sunday excepted).
These Steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the
River. Special attention is drawn to their Superior Saloons and Cabin accommodation.

Hongkong-Macao Line.

s.s. HUNGSHAN, 1,998 tons, Captain W. E. Clarke.
Departures from Hongkong to Macao on week days at 2 p.m.
Departures on Sundays at Noon. Departures from Macao to Hongkong daily at 8 a.m.

Canton-Macao Line.

s.s. LUNGSHAN, 219 tons, Captain T. Hamlin.
This steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at
8 a.m.; and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7.30 a.m.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE H.K., C. AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVI-
GATION COMPANY, LTD., AND THE INDU-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

Canton-Wuchow Line.

s.s. BAINAM, 588 tons, Captain W. A. Valentini.
s.s. NANNING, 588 tons, Captain O. Buchart.
One of the above Steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday
and Friday at about 8 a.m., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days
at 8.30 a.m. Round trips take about five days. These vessels have Superior Cabin
Accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity.
Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the:
HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.
8, ROBERTSON ROAD, (First Floor), opposite the Hongkong Hotel.
Or of BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents, CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

MR. CHATER PAUL CHATER was
admitted a PARTNER in our Firm
on the 1st Inst.
VERNON & SMYTH.
Hongkong, January 2, 1906.

YUEN CHEONG.

No. 52, WELLINGTON STREET.
SWATOW DRAWN-THREAD WORK
Direct from our own Factory; Wholesale
and Retail. DRAWN-THREAD WORK,
Embroideries, etc., made to Order. Best
quality of Glass Cloth at Moderate Prices.

NIPPON LAUNDRY.

No. 52 and 53, PRAYA EAST.
ALL Work done in this Establishment
is promptly executed. Neatness &
Speciality. Ironing and Washing done by
experienced Japanese. PRICES MODERATE.
G. MONTE, Proprietor.

CARMICHAEL AND

CLARKE.

CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND
SHIPBUILDERS,
SURVEYORS AND CONTRACTORS.
REPAIRS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.

TELEGRAMS: "CARMICHAEL" HONGKONG
A. B. O. Code, 4th Edition.
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Lieber's Standard Code.
TELEPHONE, 282.

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAM-
WAYS COMPANY, LIMITED,
(IN LIQUIDATION)

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.
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GERMANY'S FOREIGN
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The speech from the throne, delivered
by the German Emperor at the opening of
the Reichstag has made a strong impression
all over the world, on account of the
unreserved frankness with which the
foreign relations of Germany were referred
to. This impression will become still more
marked, when it is understood that the
Emperor expressed not only his own
opinion and the views of his leading states-
men, but what he voiced in an incomparable
manner the feelings and sentiments of the
German people.

The German nation has enjoyed un-
interrupted peace for more than a generation
and thus as a rule the speech from the
throne could deal with foreign politics in
some few general phrases referring to the
loyalty of the German allies, the good rela-
tions to all other nations and expressing the
assurance of the maintenance of peace. It
might be thought that the German Emperor,
awakened from a comfortable slumber by the
totally different tone of this year's
speech from the throne, was reluctant to
move, like someone suddenly disturbed in
his sleep.

In reality quite the contrary was the
case. Certainly the Emperor's speech was
not received with acclaim—that would
have been inappropriate considering its
serious contents—but the German people
have gratefully recognised that the Monarch
has not glossed over the difficulties of the
situation with a few diplomatic words, but
that through his public statement of these
difficulties he has at the same time mani-
fested his confidence in his people. Even
in democratic circles, the motive
has not been attributed to the
Emperor, that he intended his speech
as an artifice to facilitate the granting
of the naval proposals. Rather it is
the case in these circles also that men
instead of being disappointed as to the
situation are acknowledging the duty of
the nation to strengthen its means of
defence against unwarrantable attacks.
Of course, in referring to democratic
circles, I mean middle-class democracy,
not the socialist. The latter is unattach-
able, at least so far as their opinions and
public expression.

During the last six months, a transfor-
mation has taken place in the views of the
German people with reference to foreign
politics, such a rapid and fundamental
change as I should have thought would
have been impossible. Calm and reasonable
politicians formerly had difficulty in finding
a hearing in view of the policy; demonstra-
tions made by the extreme elements,
namely, on the one side the elements
tinged with cosmopolitanism, who believed
the peace of the world could be maintained
by means of peace congresses, and
on the other side the Pan-Germans,
who were for ever rattling the sword in
the scabbard. The German Government
could direct its foreign policy as it would;
it might be certain that one or other of the
two groups would place obstacles in the
way, if not both at once. The real opinion
of the German people could in consequence
never be determined with certainty, and
everybody knew how difficult it is for a
statesman to carry out his foreign policy,
if he cannot show to foreign countries that
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FRIDAY, January 19:—

2.40 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at Babington Path.

SATURDAY, January 20:—

11 a.m.—Meeting of China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd. at Co.'s Office.

Noon—Meeting of The Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

Register of Shares of The West Point Building Co., Ltd., close from this date to 1st February inclusive.

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MONDAY, January 22:—

3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Property, at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Room.

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TUESDAY, January 23:—

8 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Property, do., at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Room.

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SATURDAY, January 27:—

9.15 p.m.—Concert in St Andrew's Hall.

THURSDAY, February 1:—

11.30 a.m.—Meeting of The West Point Building Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1906.

**THE SANITARY BOARD
ELECTION.**

A CORRESPONDENT who apparently did not recognise that he had chosen a nom de plume which meant a lot more than met the eye at first, wrote to us yesterday giving reasons which he considered justified him in publicly declaring that the two gentlemen who have signified their willingness to serve on the Sanitary Board should be deposed support. Our correspondent signed himself "No Axe to Grind." The very pseudonym suggests, as apparently our correspondent intended it should, that the two gentlemen who have aroused his ire by showing a willingness to undertake public duties which are as arduous as they are thankless, have axes to grind and that they are only seeking election in order to serve their own ends or those of the companies they represent. We presume that "No Axe to Grind" is prepared to support such a serious insinuation. On what ground he bases these grave charges against the gentlemen he refers to, of course we do not know, but we do know that ordinary British fairplay requires that no allegation should be made against anyone in such a manner that there is no possibility of reply. Consequently we really feel that a moral duty devolves upon "No Axe to Grind." He should definitely and unequivocally declare what facts, if any, inspired him to prefer a grave although oblique charge against two gentlemen of high standing. Our correspondent mentions that the two gentlemen in question are directly interested in property development. If our correspondent is a man of the world, which, after reading his letter, we take leave to gravely doubt, we would ask him could he find a better election cry for the two candidates? Or are we to suppose that our correspondent desires to see men elected to deal with matters which come within the purview of the Sanitary Board who are not "directly interested in property development?" The gentlemen who are offering their services to the public are men whose record is known, and we consider that they would face any problem in which their pecuniary interests and their duty came into collision with as firm a resolve to do right as could ever animate even "No axe to Grind." We may be forgiven if we say that self-given testimonials of character especially when so worded as to reflect upon others have never impressed us to any considerable extent. It may be of course that "No axe to Grind" did not intend his reflections to be quite so severe as they appear to the unprejudiced third person. The two companies with which the candidates are associated have erected the finest buildings in the Colony. Even taking a low estimate of human nature it is not rather ridiculous to assume that they would sacrifice their reputations for the very doubtful advantage of defeating sanitary regulations? Surely it is better that men who have some practical know-

ledge should be appointed to boards than individuals who do not possess these advantages. If the fear is to obtain that men may use their official positions for personal profit then all doctors should be debarred from medical boards and lawyers should be disqualified from the Legislature. Surely our correspondent will admit that his argument is in verity a *reductio ad absurdum*.

The Isle of Pines is causing the American Republic great perturbation of spirit. We have it on the authority of an American exchange that this little speck of earth which has forced itself beneath the attention of the world is "no larger than Rhode Island." This latter island we may inform our readers has the felicity to be near New York. Notwithstanding its insignificance in size the Isle of Pines has determined to make America take what the yellow journals call "double columned" cognizance of it. Its 250 American colonists have raised the standard of independence and apparently want to run the island on ideas of their own, the most salient of which no doubt would be the non-payment of any taxes. Cuba, to whom the island nominally belongs, raises a polite objection to this creation of a new state, and the American Senate now has among its other tasks the problem of determining the status of this latest national freak.

Many people who have for some weeks past daily noticed a Chinaman standing at the entrance to the building in which the American Consulate is situated have wondered the cause for his remaining there. At first he might have been mistaken for a religious devotee, but his story showed him to be entirely different. It appears that over a month ago he returned from America with a wife—to whom he was married in that country—and also possessed of considerable money. Shortly after his arrival here his money was stolen and then, as he wished to go into the interior of China, his wife left him and through her counsel obtained a passage back to America. So the Chinaman lost both wife and money, and—whether to win a new fortune or to follow his wife is not known—he at once applied for a passport to re-admit him to America. This could not be granted, but he had set his mind on it and all that the authorities could say would not turn him from his purpose, and day after day for a month he stood at the gateway to the building waiting, apparently, for the passport that he had been told he need not expect. The unfortunate man's action looks, like passive resistance run mad, but so then do many things in China.

Great diversity of opinion exists regarding the United States Navy. President Roosevelt is for having it as big as the other fellows. Being an American he probably aspires to have it bigger. The same sentiment does not agitate the breasts of all in the Naval Department of the States, however. We believe we are right in saying we have seen it stated somewhere that the Secretary for the Navy is firm in the conviction that the fleet is quite monumental enough for America's needs. And he is quite right. There is not the remotest chance of America ever being at war with Britain. That power has, we understand, the greatest navy in the world, and as she possesses Japan as an ally, and France as a friend, the aggregate naval force that could be gathered together is immense. This, of course, always supposing that great Britain, America, France and Japan are on the one and same side of the fence. Against such a combination nothing in the world would dare to move. Even Britain and America alone, with Japan neutral, could stand with odds in their favour against any other combination that could be ranged in opposition. So why should America want to spend money in enlarging her navy? Better that she should spend her money in improving the fleet she possesses. If half what the officers of that fleet say is true it badly needs attention. *Chief Admiral Charles W. Rice*, Chief of the Bureau of Steam Engineering, is particularly caustic in his criticism in this direction. He says that if the country were "suddenly plunged into war, the navy would find itself in no condition to win battles," and this statement has aroused the press all over the country. "Present conditions," declares the *Philadelphia Record*, "are too dangerous to be tolerated."and the Milwaukee *Sentinel* observes that it is now "clearly and competently attested that the new system, instead of giving us the ideal all-round seamen-engineers, is inflicting on the service a lot of half-baked engineering smatterers who are a positive menace to the navy and its future." There is no mincing of words here, and it looks very much as if the American Navy and the British Army are on a par so far as inefficiency is concerned. Much must be allowed for the Jeremiahs in every country, however, and it would probably be found that if either the British Army or the American Navy were forced into a war they would give a good account of themselves. That, of course, does not do away with the necessity for reform. Britain is endeavouring, as well as the powers that be will allow, to lick her land force into shape, and—as the Americans would say themselves—it is "up to" the States to do likewise with their marine force and make their present ships efficient before they add many new ones.**LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.**

Princes Ching and Lu are establishing institutes at Peking for the instruction of the poorer residents in various trades.

Chinese Students at Tokio.

For some time past there has been somewhat serious trouble with the large number of Chinese students now at Tokio, owing to the refusal of a large proportion of them to accept the Japanese regulations. It is now stated that the matter has been satisfactorily settled as the result of a friendly discussion between the Japanese and Chinese Governments. It has been arranged that the Tokio schools shall take back those of the Chinese students who threw up their studies on account of the dispute.

Chinese National Bonds.It is reported, says the *Sin Wen Pao*, that the Chinese Government is seriously considering the question of the issue of national bonds valued at \$400 each, bearing interest at 5 per cent. per annum. The money thus realised will be devoted to the construction of railways. This step is taken owing to agitation in all provinces to build their own lines of railway, and to exclude foreign capital. The proposition will be referred to the provincial authorities for comment and report, before being carried into effect.**Band at King Edward Hotel.**

By kind permission of Lieut. Col. Aitken and Officers, the Band of the 119th Infantry will play the following programme of music at the above Hotel, during dinner, on Thursday, the 18th January, 1906 (weather permitting):—

March..... "Out on the Deep," Lieut. Col. Aitken.

Selection..... "Coxs Song," Cavalier.

Valse..... "Yeast Song," Cavalier.

Selection..... "The Duchess of Dantzic," Caryll.

Pizzolo Solo..... "The Deep Blue Sea," Brewer.

American Sketch..... "Down South," Myddleton.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

China and Foreign Advisers.

The Waipupu has sent a circular letter of instructions to the Viceroy and Governors of provinces, that in the future all contracts made with foreigners engaged to act as specialists for, or advisers to Chinese officials must be made on the same lines as the contracts hitherto made by the Eupai Government (Viceroy Chang Chih-tung) with foreigners. Furthermore, copies of such new contracts must be sent to the Waipupu for confirmation before they can be allowed. The Canton Viceroy has intimated that he will not deal with foreigners—except through their consuls.

The Wealth of Japan.

The well known politician, Mr Takahashi Hideo, has recently made public the results of an independent investigation into the wealth of Japan. In publishing his estimate, he points out that the totals hitherto given by statistical experts and officials vary from yen 8,000,000,000 to yen 12,000,000,000. This serious disparity in the existing estimates induced him to spend three years in conducting a thorough investigation, in the course of which the resources of every ken and fu were carefully considered. As the result, he has arrived at the conclusion that the total wealth of Japan amounts to yen 20,000,000,000, a much higher figure than any yet given. For the purpose of his investigation, Mr Takahashi divided the country into six groups, the first including the central portion of the main island, the second the northern portion of the main island, the third the western part of the main island, the fourth the fifth Shikoku, and the fifth the dependent islands. At present only the details relating to the two Fu and sixteen Ken of the first group, the central portion of the main island, have been published.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

THE ELECTIONS.**LIBERALISM OR LABOUR.****Which is the Coming Party?**

(Exclusive Service, Supplied by Reuter, via Bombay).

London, January 16.

The *Standard*, commenting on the results of the elections, remarks that many of the seats credited to Liberals are really Labour victories. In fact the journal goes as far as to say that "Liberalism is annihilated—absorbed by the Labour party."

The other newspapers do not agree as to the apportioning of the Liberal and Labour seats, but the majority of them consider that the Liberal candidates have won thirty-eight seats, while the Labourites have captured nine only.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE ELECTIONS.**Socialism and Labour Increase.**

London, January 16.

An analysis of the voting shows a remarkable increase in the socialist and labour votes, viz. 63,692 compared with 20,731 in the same constituencies in 1901; the net Liberal turnover is 64,970.

The *Times* and the *Standard* consider that the success of the labour party at the elections is a most significant feature.**Mr Bellios Defeated.**

Mr Norton, the Liberal candidate for West Newington, polled 1,448 against Mr Bellios, the Unionist Candidate's 8,425.

A Bitter Fight.

London, January 8.

The bitterness of the fight is evidenced by the tenor of the speech that Mr Gibson Bowles (Conservative) delivered in his own constituency of King's Lynn, wherein he stated that he and Lord Hugh Cecil joined in sharing malignant animosity to Mr J. Chamberlain and Mr Austen Chamberlain. In comparing the two Messrs Chamberlain to the Thug of India and Judas Iscariot respectively, he referred to the running of Tariff Reform candidates for King's Lynn and Greenwich.

A Blow to Conscription.Mr John Burns (President of the Local Government Board), speaking at Battersea, announced that the Militia would be called out as soon as possible.—*S. Times*.**FRANCE AND VENEZUELA.**

The United States have assumed charge of French interests in Venezuela.

A Bellicose Act.

A French squadron has left Guadeloupe for Venezuela.

OUR TOKIO LETTER.**China-Japanese Treaty.**

(From Our Correspondent.)

Tokio, Jan. 8.

Some of the native papers are extremely cynical in regard to the treaty between China and Japan, which was recently concluded by Baron Komura. There was considerable secrecy maintained throughout the conference and this not unnaturally created suspicion; as Baron Komura is not regarded as Japan's most accomplished diplomatist. When the text of the treaty was published there was great indignation as it was considered that Japan had again conceded too much. Thereupon it was announced that there were supplementary secret treaties which were much more favourable to Japan. However some of the papers now declare that the supplementary treaties are just as unfavourable to Japanese interests as the original. One paper declares that the Government will be well-advised if it refrains from letting the public know of the latest diplomatic defeat unless it wishes a repetition of the disturbances which arose after the Portsmouth conference.

The resignation of the Katsura Cabinet was hailed here with almost indecent delight. Many non-political banquets were held to commemorate the event. The papers urge that it is time that Japan enjoyed Constitutional Government on the British model and so obtain a system under which the abuses which obtain now would be done away with.

It has been decided to declare the manufacture of sake (wine) a Government monopoly. The *Yokohama Specie Bank* has the cultivation of rice will next pass into the list of industries which the Government alone will be permitted to engage in, and concludes a pessimistic article. "The Japanese of to-day are living in a dreadful country."**CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY.****Serious Allegations.**

Choi Chung Li, the millionaire's son who was recently committed to trial on a charge in connection with his bankruptcy proceedings, charged Lo Tai Chow, Lo Chi Sau, and Lo Fat Hing, at the Magistrate's court, with conspiring, combining and agreeing with one Lo Chi Sau to obstruct prevent or defeat the course of public justice. A second charge was also added of conspiring by false pretences to obtain the sum of \$13,000 from Choi Leung Chi.

The case was heard before Mr C. D. Melbourne, Mr F. W. G. Jones, sitting for the plaintiff and Mr H. E. Pollock, K.C., instructed by Mr J. Hastings for the defendants.

Mr Goldring explained that the complainant had been committed to prison by the Chief Justice during the bankruptcy hearing. A considerable time elapsed before he was released, to prosecute, but after six weeks the charge was formulated and in the police court proceedings the witness Lo Tai gave evidence against the plaintiff to the effect that he had been instructed to remove his furniture from one house to another. The first defendant had appeared from the beginning and alleged that the second was the person who procured Lo Tai, whose evidence he alleged was false, and the third was more or less of a cat's paw for the other two. On December 22 the first defendant went to the bankrupt's third wife and suggested that if she would he could get the charge withdrawn. He further suggested the money deposited as bail \$15,000 should be divided between him and the other defendant. Acting under instructions the woman paid the money at a Chinese Club and the defendants were afterwards arrested. The false pretences they alleged were that the defendants falsely pretended they could withdraw the charge against Choi Chang Li.

After some evidence had been taken the case was adjourned until to-morrow.

On account of the Chinese new year the Chinese papers here and at Canton will close for ten days.

R. Liva and R. R. Antonio, the two Italians whose extradition is demanded from the Colony on a charge of murder, were brought before Mr F. A. Hasland, at the Magistrate's court, this morning, and the case was set down for hearing on Saturday morning.

A correspondent writes as follows:—

What a pity it is that the Public Works Department had not a few of London's unemployed. I am sure plenty of work could be found for them in cleaning the principal thoroughfares, for at present they are almost impossible for pedestrians, especially the ladies, without recourse to a chair or ricksha.

The Flower Show.

The attention of our readers is called to an advertisement on another page, as to the date by which entries should be made and exhibits staged.

Chinese on the Band.

A telegram to Singapore papers dated the 13th inst. says that Mr Herbert Gladstone, speaking at Leeds, stated that the immediate deportation of 50,000 Chinese from the Transvaal would produce a condition of financial and industrial chaos in South Africa. The duty of the Government in the situation, he further stated, was to alter the existing position with as little friction as possible.

A Staff Tour.

The following officers have been selected to take part in the next staff tour which will be held in the New Territory on or about the 18th, February next, and following days:—Major H. J. Keldall, R.A.G., Major H. Broke, R.E., Major S. H. Pedley, 2nd R. W. Kent Regt., Major W. A. F. Williamson, A.S.O., Major T. P. Jones, R.A.M.C., Major W. Chitty, 119th Infantry, Major H. P. Parker, 129th Baluchis

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